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BRILLIANCY OF REPUBLIC

White House Reception Be fitting First of Nations.

SCENES OF SPLENDOR

Beauty, Chivalry and Talent of the Earth Assembled.

FIRST LADY OF THE LAND

Mrs. McKinley Able to Attend the Great Function.

MEDLEY OF MUSICAL AIRS

Played by Famous Marine Band in Her Honor.

Washington, Jan. 1.—In the long line of New Year's receptions at the White House, which year inaugurates the social season of the national capital, none perhaps was more brilliant than the one today, which ushered in the twentieth century. And perhaps no feature of it was so universally gratifying as the distinguished throng which came to extend the greetings of the new year to the chief executive of the republic. The fact that the mistress of White House was able to participate in the happy occasion, and, with the greatest ease, receive the felicitations and well wishes of all.

The day dawned cold and gray; but the air was soft and balmy. Toward 11 o'clock when the reception opened the sun burst through mist and clouds, brightening the white walls and pillars of the historic old mansion until it shone like a beacon and touched the stripes of the glorious American flag that floated above it in circles of flame. The grounds of the mansion presented a striking scene as the carriages began to arrive and the long line of American and foreign officers in full uniform lined up in the courtyard.

At 12 o'clock, under the glimmer of myriads of electric lights, which were reflected in the happy faces of the throng, the first lady of the land, Mrs. McKinley, appeared on the balcony, dressed in a gown of white and blue, and wearing a crown of white flowers. She was accompanied by the first gentleman in the land, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, and by the first lady of the land, Mrs. McKinley.

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WINTERING IN CHINA

Allied Forces Feeling Rigor of the Weather.

AMERICA LEADS OF COURSE

In the Matter of Providing for Comforts of Army.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—

Correspondence of the Associated Press from Peking, China, says that the cold weather has fairly set in and the allied forces are beginning to feel the rigors of the winter.

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LIKE PRONGS OF A FORK

Boers Are Spreading All Over South Africa.

ENGLAND IS ALARMED

Enemy Now Covers an Immense Tract of Territory

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

But the Response Is Not Very Generous.

BOERS HAVE NEW HORSES

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